

Dear Henry:

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I am sorry that I did not get a chance to see you after the meeting last Saturday afternoon, but I had to run off to catch my plane.

I simply want to tell you that I thought your presentation was superb in every way. The experimental work was beautifully conceived and carried out, your slides and illustrations were exceedingly artistic and clear, and the whole presentation was a masterful one. I was delighted with the whole affair and I send you my warmest congratulations.

I really think that you have something in the technique which you describe. It might possibly have to be altered slightly to adapt it to human patients, but you certainly are much closer to the solution of this problem than anyone else who has been working in the field. I sincerely hope that you push this thing with all the energy at your command and play it for all that it is worth. There is a very strong likelihood that you are close to the solution of the problem - hence I hope that you push on and complete the job.

I do not know whether anyone else has done so, but if no initiative has been taken, I would like very much to put your name up for membership in the Society of Clinical Surgery. This is a first-rate group, made up largely of academic men, and without question is one of the best in the upper two or three of the surgical societies in the country. I will have my secretary send you a small booklet which has the membership of the group, so that you can pick out two or three names who might know you best and whom I could approach for help in endorsing you. Please be sure that this booklet gets back to me promptly, since I value it greatly.

I do not know what opening exists in the organization at the moment. Indeed, it is usually a matter of several years before final action is taken on any one candidate. However, I think that your name should go before the group as soon as possible.

Sincerely

(signed) Bob

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P.S. Again I want to say how much your paper impressed me! It was beautiful.